Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): A method of alerting a client of a state change at a remote server, the method comprising:

creating a user profile ~~indicating a preference~~ including a request to receive at least one alert corresponding to a ~~change in~~ state change at the remote server;

connecting to a communications system including the remote server;

generating an address for the remote server from the user profile;

navigating to the address ~~of~~ generated for the remote server;

retrieving data corresponding to ~~a particular type of alert~~ the state change from the remote server; and

using the retrieved data ~~in~~ to ~~delivering~~ the content associated with ~~an~~ the alert to the client.

2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the communications system comprises an instant messaging system.

3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the address generated for the remote server comprises a uniform resource locator.

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4 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein navigating to the address generated for the remote server includes using a browser embedded in an instant messaging client.

5 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein the browser comprises a HTTP engine.

6 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising using a graphical user interface to create the user profile.

7 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising storing the user profile on a host.

8 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the alert corresponds to a state change at a remote mail server.

9 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the alert corresponds to a state change at a remote weather server.

10 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the alert corresponds to a state change at a remote stock server.

11 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the alert corresponds to a state change at a remote third party server.

12 (currently amended): A computer program for alerting a client of a state change at a remote server, stored on a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:

creating a user profile ~~indicating a preference~~ including a request to receive at least one alert corresponding to a ~~change in~~ state change at a remote server;

connecting to a communications system including the remote server;

generating an address for the remote server from the user profile;

navigating to the address ~~of~~ generated for the remote server;

retrieving data corresponding to ~~a particular type of alert~~ the state change from the remote server; and

using the retrieved data ~~in~~ to ~~delivering~~ the content associated with ~~behind an~~ the alert to the client.

13 (original): The computer program of claim 12, the computer readable medium comprising a disc.

14 (original): The computer program of claim 12, the computer readable medium comprising a client device.

15 (original): The computer program of claim 12, the computer readable medium comprising a host device.

16 (original): The computer program of claim 12, the computer readable medium comprising a propagated signal.

17 (currently amended): A state change alert apparatus for alerting a client of a state change at a remote server, comprising a client configured to:

create a user profile ~~indicating a preference~~ including a request to receive at least one alert corresponding to a ~~change in~~ state change at ~~a~~ the remote server;

connect to a communications system including the remote server;

generate an address for the remote server from the user profile;

navigate to the address ~~generated for~~ of the remote server;

retrieve data corresponding to ~~a particular type of alert~~ the state change from the remote server; and

~~using~~ use the retrieved data ~~in~~ to ~~delivering~~ the content associated with~~an~~ the alert to a client.

18 (original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the client includes an embedded browser.

19 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the browser is a HTTP engine.

20 (original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the client is configured to display a graphical user interface to create the user profile.

21 (new): A method of alerting a client of a state change at a remote server, the method comprising:

creating a user profile including a request to receive at least one alert corresponding to a state change at the remote server;

connecting to a communications system including the remote server;

generating an address for the remote server from the user profile;

instructing the remote server to broadcast alert feeds including information about the state of the remote server;

transmitting an alert to the client every time an alert feed indicates a state change corresponding to the state change designated in the user profile;

navigating to the address generated for the remote server;

retrieving data corresponding to the state change from the remote server; and

using the retrieved data to deliver the content associated with the alert to the client.

22 (new): At least one computer program, stored on at least one computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:

creating a user profile including a request to receive at least one alert corresponding to a state change at the remote server;

connecting to a communications system including the remote server;

generating an address for the remote server from the user profile;

instructing the remote server to broadcast alert feeds including information about the state of the remote server;

transmitting an alert to the client every time an alert feed indicates a state change corresponding to the state change designated in the user profile;

navigating to the address generated for the remote server;

retrieving data corresponding to the state change from the remote server; and

using the retrieved data to deliver the content associated with the alert to the client.

23 (new): A state change alert apparatus for alerting a client of a state change at a remote server, comprising:

a host configured to:

cause the remote server to broadcast alert feeds including information about the state of the remote server; and

transmit an alert to the client every time an alert feed indicates a state change corresponding to the state change designated in the user profile; and

a client configured to:

create a user profile including a request to receive at least one alert corresponding to a state change at the remote server;

connect to a communications system including the remote server;

generate an address for the remote server from the user profile;

navigate to the address generated for the remote server;

retrieve data corresponding to the state change from the remote server; and

use the retrieved data to deliver the content associated with the alert to the

client.

24 (new): A method of alerting a client of a state change at a remote server, the

method comprising:

creating a user profile including a request to receive at least one alert

corresponding to a state change at the remote server;

connecting to a communications system including the remote server;

instructing the remote server to broadcast alert feeds including information about

the state of the remote server;

transmitting an alert and content behind the alert to the client every time an alert

feed indicates a state change corresponding to the state change designated in the user

profile; and

receiving the alert and the content associated with the alert.

25 (new): At least one computer program, stored on at least one computer

readable medium, comprising instructions for:

creating a user profile including a request to receive at least one alert

corresponding to a state change at the remote server;

connecting to a communications system including the remote server;

instructing the remote server to broadcast alert feeds including information about

the state of the remote server;

transmitting an alert and content behind the alert to the client every time an alert feed indicates a state change corresponding to the state change designated in the user profile; and

receiving the alert and the content associated with the alert.

26 (new): A state change alert apparatus for alerting a client of a state change at a remote server, comprising:

a host configured to:

cause the remote server to broadcast alert feeds including information about the state of the remote server; and

transmit an alert and content behind the alert to the client every time an alert feed indicates a state change corresponding to the state change designated in the user profile; and

a client configured to:

create a user profile including a request to receive at least one alert corresponding to a state change at the remote server;

connect to a communications system including the remote server; and

receive the alert and the content associated with the alert from the host.